

# The Topeka State Journal.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS, THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 18, 1894.

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

## DID IT AT LAST.

Robbers Hold Up a Train This Morning,

In the Same Old Place at St. Joseph.

EXPRESS CAR LOOTED.

Passengers Crawl Under the Seats from Fright,

While Robbers Keep Up a Merry Fusillade.

Amount Taken Will Probably Reach \$50,000.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 18.—This city has been the scene of another train robbery. Five-masked men held up the north bound train on the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs road last night, leaving this city at 12:20 o'clock this morning. All of the contents of the safe in the express car were taken by the robbers. The scene of the robbery this morning was what was known as Hoy's Branch, two miles north of this city, and is the same place where the attempt was made to hold up a train on September 29 last, when six men were killed, and for which another was sent to the penitentiary.

The train left the Francis street depot on time in charge of Conductor William Haywood and Engineer Ed Davis. When the train reached Hoy's Branch, a locomotive stalled under the wheels of the engine and a red lantern was hung across the track. The engineer put on the air brakes and the train slowed up, stopping in almost exactly the same spot on which the Germany train stood on the night of September 29.

The train passed the place where the robbers intended it should stop and the men who left behind the engine, when the train came to a standstill. Shortly after the stop had been made, however, a man came running out of the bushes alongside the track and covering the engineer and fireman with a revolver, shouting "Throw up your hands!" Then he ordered Enginee Davis and Fireman Baker to step down from the car, and one of the robbers pointed on the door of the express car and told the man engine to open it. This was done and as soon as the messenger showed his hands, he was covered with revolvers and told to stand back away from the door. When he had moved away somewhat, three of the robbers forced the engineer and fireman ahead of them and entered the car. On the inside of the car, besides the express messenger was the passenger, who was busy writing some letters. He was forced to hold up his hands and with his two men from the engine was stood against the wall with his hands above his head.

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With the looting of the express car was going on, the remaining two robbers were on the east side of the train, occasionally firing their revolvers to frighten the passengers.

All the occupants of the coaches had been aroused by the shooting and began to hide their valuables, expecting the coaches would be entered, and some of the people crawled down between the seats and lay flat on the floor. A stray shot from the pistol of one of the robbers struck the car, tearing a hole in the side, but did not enter.

Crawled Under the Mail Sacks.

The postal clerks in the mail car had heard the firing and barricaded the doors and then crawled under the mail sacks, so as to be out of the way of any stray bullets. No attempt was made, however, to enter the mail car.

When the trainmen had been stood up in a line about midway of the train on the west side, the robbers called the men on the east side of the train and they climbed over the platform and joined them. They then walked away westward, going out of sight in the willows, a few feet from the right of way.

The train backed on to the Prairie Street depot and did not go out again for more than an hour. The news of the robbery spread rapidly over the city.

## WALTHALL RESIGNS.

The Mississippi Senator Retires from Congress.

His Resignation Made on Account of Ill Health.

FOR A FULL TERM.

The Senator's New Term Begun in 1895.

Candidates Spoken of for the Place.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Walthall has resigned on account of ill health.

The present term of Senator Walthall would expire March 3, 1895, but he has already been elected for another six years, or March 3, 1901. He resigns the unexpired portion of his present term and as he states in his letter, leaves the full six year term beginning in 1895.

Among the most prominently mentioned about the capitol today as the successor to Senator Walthall are Representatives John M. Allen, of the first district, John Stone, attorney general, R. S. Hall and Representative T. C. Catchings, of the third district.

Headed in the Senate.

The presiding officer of the senate, this morning, said he regretted to lay before the senate the following letter:

DEAR SIR—I respectfully advise you that I have forwarded to the governor of Mississippi my resignation to the office of senator, to take effect on the 31st instant. EDWARD C. WALTHALL.

The letter was placed on file.

GOLD BONDS BAD POLICY.

THIRTY SENATORS TELL—Coinage of Silver the Only Proper Remedy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Teller, the leader of the silver men, in discussing the condition of the treasury and the talk of legislation for its relief, said to-day that the proper solution of the problem was to be found in the coinage of the silver bullion in the treasury.

"It is bad policy," he said, "to borrow money when the government has on hand and lying idle material from which money can be made. What the country wants is more money, not more gold, and especially as \$50,000,000 could be added to this fund by issuing certificates against the coinage of the silver bullion now in the treasury."

He is well known that just after the attempt to hold up this train last September, which was frustrated, by the officers being aware of the plan, General Manager Brown of the Burlington road tried to get the Adams Express company to pay armed men on both sides of the engine, all the time driving their revolver in the air and shouting at the top of their voices to the passengers, telling them to keep their hands inside the cars and they would not be hurt.

The five men then marched the engineer and fireman back to the express car, and one of the robbers pointed on the door of the express car and told the man engine to open it. This was done and as soon as the messenger showed his hands, he was covered with revolvers and told to stand back away from the door. When he had moved away somewhat, three of the robbers forced the engineer and fireman ahead of them and entered the car.

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MATTON IS MUM.

He Will Not Tell Who Assisted in His Escape.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 18.—Civile Matton, the convicted murderer of Mullin, who escaped from the county jail last Tuesday night, was returned to jail this morning.

He was captured on a Missouri Pacific train at Yates Center, and made no resistance, as he was overpowered by officers. He refused to tell who assisted in his escape. He got on the train at Edmonson yesterday afternoon and was recognized by Conductor Haynes, who informed the officers. What captured he had \$7, and a new revolver which had never been used.

"Things are in such shape," said Mr. McRae, "that the miners of the whole country must quit work and strike together."

NEW BUILDING FOR YALE.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 18.—The faculty of the Sheffield scientific school of Yale have completed plans for a new chemical laboratory. It will be brick, 60x125 three stories high, and it will be situated north of North Sheffield hall. The funds for the building will be supplied from the university treasury.

## PREPARATIONS FOR BURIAL

Nearly All Arrangements Made for T. Dugald Thacher's Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral of T. D. Thacher at 11:30 Saturday at Grace Cathedral, corner of Eighth and Taylor streets, will probably be one of the largest ever held in this city, it will be almost impossible for those to escape unless they cross the river in the boats, which they will probably do.

From the descriptions of the men seen in the cars yesterday, it is believed they were the same ones who robbed the "City" fast train on the Missouri & St. Joe a week ago yesterday night. The tall man who seemed to be the leader, suits the description of the tall man who excreted the robbers of the "City" train.

The short man who entered the car with him is of the same description. The others were not seen clearly either time.

"The robbers did not get enough to pay the heavy bill this trip, I think," said Bazaarman Schinner, though he said he did not know how much was in the safe.

All of the trainmen and messengers connected with the railroad are in this city now, but cannot be seen until afternoon. In the general opinion here that the robbers as well as the one a week ago were committed by local talent and that the robbers are now in this city.

LOSS ENTITLED AT \$50,000.

The Adams Express Company Would Not Arm Guards on the Train.

St. JOSEPH, Jan. 18.—The superintendent of the Adams express said this afternoon that the amount secured by the outlaws would not exceed \$50,000. Another official said the amount secured was nearer \$30,000, as the train robbed always left with a full safe.

Some time since General Manager Brown of the Burlington asked the Adams Express company to put armed men on the night train going north and south, but the company refused, saying the messengers would take care of the money in their safes. This afternoon the express company cost \$100,000, as that is the amount of money claimed to have been secured in both these robberies.

Officers who visited the scene of the robbery early this morning found that the robbers had a spring wagon or buggy hidden near where the train was stopped, and as soon as the robbery was finished all of them returned to this city in this conveyance.

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